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SUBJ: GARP ATLANTIC TROPICAL EXPERIMENT (GATE)

CEREMONY, DAKAR

1. WMO SYG DAVIES RECEIVED TODAY INFORMATION THAT SENEGAL PRESIDENT, SENGHOR, PLANS AND WILL PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY IN DEDICATION FOR GATE PROJECT IN DAKAR, 1630 HOURS, JULY 25, 1974.

2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS APPARENTLY SET THIS DATE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT HIGH OFFICIALS FROM SEVERAL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS, INCLUDING USA, WILL BE IN DAKAR THAT DATE. INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT TO ALL GATE PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER WMO MEMBERS TO BE REPRESENTED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

3. SYG WMO ALSO WILL URGE UN SYG WALDHEIM TO ATTEND, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO THIS END THAT USG CAN GIVE. BELIEVE UN SYG'S ATTENDANCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANCE AS GATE AS LARGEST INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT EVER MOUNTED. WOULD ALSO BE IN KEEPING GROWING RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE METEOROLOGY TO PROBLEMS OF GLOBAL SCOPE SUCH AS FOOD PRODUCTION.

4. PROGRAM FOR PROPOSED DEDICATION STILL IN PREPARATION, BUT WILL CENTER ON FACT THAT FIRST GATE OBSERVING PERIOD

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WILL HAVE JUST ENDED, AND MANY RESEARCH SHIPS AND ALL

AIRCRAFT WILL BE IN DAKAR PREPARING FOR SECOND PHASE OF EXPERIMENT. THIS WILL PERMIT MAXIMUM ACCESS TO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT AND TO PARTICIPATING SCIENTISTS WITH MINIMUM INTERFERENCE TO PROGRESS OF EXPERIMENT. VISITS TO GATE OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER, BRIEFING BY SCIENTIFIC GROUP AND RECEPTIONS ON BOARD SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

5. SYG WMO BELIEVES, AND US WMO DELEGATION SHARE VIEW, THAT SUCH CEREMONY WILL PROVIDE OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INFORMATION ASPECT THIS UNIQUE EXPERIMENT AT HIGH OFFICIAL LEVEL BOTH AMONG PARTICIPATING MEMBERS AS WELL AS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHO LOOK TO SUCH EXPERIMENTS AS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN IMPROVEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF TROPICAL WEATHER.ABRAMS

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